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Office Memorandum**CIA INTERNAL USE ONLY****UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : Chief, Geographic Research Area, ORR
FROM : Chief, Map Library Division, ORR
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Map Library Division Staff Study: PROPOSED MAPPING PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECTS IN SELECTED AREAS PERIPHERAL TO THE SINO-SOVIET BLOC.
REF : Your verbal request of 5 June 1958.

DATE: 9 June 1958

1. The attached study of proposed aerial photographic surveys in areas peripheral to the Sino-Soviet Bloc was prepared primarily from files and information already available in the Map Library. Many of the projects discussed are highly conjectural in nature; no opportunity existed for substantiation with commercial and government sources usually available for this purpose.

2. Information on some of the projects described herein was obtained from the Topographic and Geodetic Division of ACSI. Inasmuch as planning and budgeting information is generally not disseminated outside of the originating agency, those items considered particularly sensitive are so marked in the report. The Army pointed out that they expected a rather large budget cut for fiscal year 1959, and thus have reduced to a minimum planned commercial photographic contracts. Rather than reduce personnel in the event of a budget cut, emphasis will be placed on reduction of a large backlog of compilation work. There are many gaps in photography for which money would undoubtedly be allocated if an opportunity arose for breaking down existing political and security barriers.

3. There is very little information in this report concerning Air Force and Navy plans. It was pointed out by ACSI that it is doubtful that plans exist for any sizeable mapping photography projects by these departments. ACSI stated that they knew of no plans for the coming fiscal year. Plans had been formulated by the Air Force for an extensive aerial survey of portions of Iraq, Sudan, Ethiopia, British Somaliland, Somalia, and Kuwait to begin in FY-1959; however, ACSI information indicates that this project will not get underway within the next year, if ever.

4. Information on proposed projects which was received over one year ago has not been included. It is believed that such projects have already been completed or never advanced beyond the planning and discussion phase.

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Many items were covered in "MAP LIBRARY DIVISION STAFF ANALYSIS OF CURRENT
AND PROPOSED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEYS IN TURKEY, IRAQ, IRAN AND
PAKISTAN", Dated 17 October 1956. (Copy attached)

5. Information was not available on those countries in North and
East Africa, the Middle East, Southern and Southeastern Asia and the Far
East for which pages are not included in the attached report.



Attachment:
Staff Study.

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